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Lon Thomas  
Star Stone Quarries, Inc.  
4040 South 300 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Subject: Approval of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations and Reclamation Surety, Star Stone Quarries, Torrey Quarry, M0550016, Task 1355, Wayne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Division has received the reclamation surety for the Torrey Sandstone Quarry and two copies of the Notice to Conduct Large Mining Operations. The Division now permits you to begin mining operations as outlined in your large mining notice. We will forward a copy of the executed documents to the BLM state and field office for their records. The surety will be reviewed periodically to assure that the bond remains adequate.

Please be advised that you must also acquire formal approval from the Bureau of Land Management before beginning mining operations on federally managed land and/or minerals.

Enclosed are copies of the signed and executed Reclamation Contract and surety bond forms for your files. Also enclosed is a copy of the "approved" Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for your files. If in the future, you wish to modify your mining and reclamation plan, please furnish a redlined and strikeout version of the page(s) you wish to change and indicate how these are to be incorporated into the current approved plan using Form MR-REV-att, which is located on the web at [www.dogm.utah.gov](http://www.dogm.utah.gov).

The plan proposed two variances; one for leaving the road and the other for not revegetating exposed bedrock. The road existed prior to mining and the Bureau of Land Management has agreed the road can remain following mining. This variance to leave the road is approved.

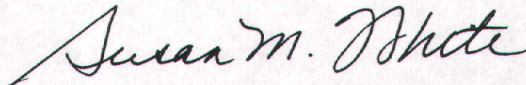




No variance is needed for not revegetating rock outcrops. It is not necessary to salvage or replace soil or to establish vegetation in areas where soil and vegetation did not exist prior to mining. Therefore the variance is denied.

Thank you for your help and patience in finalizing this permitting action. Please call me if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. White".

Susan M. White  
Mining Program Coordinator  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosures: Copy of the stamped approved LMO  
Reclamation Contract

cc: Buzz Rakow, Hanksville BLM w/o enclosures  
Opie Abeyta, State BLM Office with reclamation contract

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